BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 88-627-C - ORDER NO. 92-1063

DECEMBER 23, 1992

IN RE: Application of Business Telecom, ORDER
Inc. for Authority to Operate as SETTING
a Reseller of Interexchange ORAL
Telecommunications Services within the State of South Carolina.

On December 7, 1992, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) issued Order No. 92-1032 in the instant Docket in response to a Petition for Declaratory Order filed by Business Telecom, Inc. (BTI). BTI indicates in its Petition that it provides incidental intraLATA traffic and that its customers access the Company through the use of a 1+ 700 dialing arrangement. BTI requests through its Petition that the Commission declare that the Company's practices are consistent with the authority granted it in Order No. 89-399. In Order No. 92-1032, the Commission determined that a hearing in this matter should be held so that BTI, the Commission Staff, or any other interested party can present evidence to the Commission concerning the provision of intraLATA service by BTI through the use of 1+ 700 access. A formal hearing on this matter has been set for Wednesday, February 17, 1993 at 2:30 p.m.

This matter comes before the Commission at this time by way of a Petition for Temporary Restraining Order filed by John Bowen, Esquire, on behalf of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition In the Petition, Bowen asked this Commission, inter alia, to issue its Order enjoining BTI from further instructing or allowing any customers not already using the 1+ 700 dialing arrangements the use of any 1+ 700 dialing arrangements until the Commission issues its Order after the hearing on Wednesday, February 17, 1993. The Commission has considered this request and hereby holds that the question of whether or not the Commission should issue a temporary restraining order should be set for oral arguments. Said oral arguments shall be held on January 5, 1993 at 11:15 a.m. in the Commission's hearing room. The Commission further holds that said oral arguments shall be limited to arguments by counsel for the respective parties. However, the parties may, if they wish, hand up affidavits from expert witnesses or other witnesses that may contribute to the respective arguments.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The matter of whether or not the Commission should issue a temporary restraining order in this matter is hereby set for oral arguments to be held January 5, 1993, at 11:15 a.m.
- 2. That the arguments shall be limited to arguments by counsel. However, affidavits may be submitted from expert witnesses and/or other witnesses.

3. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Challeman

ATTEST:

Deputy Executive Director

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